Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An editing system for editing source content to produce an edited content sequence, source metadata being associated with portions of the source content, the system comprising:

a storage for storing a template defining a desired style for content, template metadata being provided within the template to define the desired style, template metadata including at least one good shot marker;

a processing unit configured to apply the template to the source content by comparing the source metadata with the template metadata and to arrange the portions of source content in accordance with the comparison to produce the edited content sequence,

wherein the source metadata includes at least one good shot marker, and the processing unit is configured to compare the good shot marker in the template metadata with the good shot marker in the source metadata, to select a preferred shot.

2. (Original) A system as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the arranging of the portions of source content to produce the edited content sequence comprises selection and ordering of a subset of the portions of the source content based on the comparison of the source metadata with the template metadata.

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3. (Original) A system as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the template defines a plurality of discrete sections which are linked to define the desired style, each discrete section having template metadata associated therewith.

4. (Original) A system as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the source content comprises video material, and a number of discrete sections identify types of video material, the template metadata associated with such a discrete section comprising at least metadata identifying the corresponding type of video material.

5. (Original) A system as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the content comprises audio material, and the template metadata associated with a number of the discrete sections includes metadata relevant to the audio material.

6. (Original) A system as claimed in Claim 1, further comprising:

a metadata processing element for accessing one or more predetermined recognition tools and causing the source content to be reviewed by the one or more predetermined recognition tools in order to generate source metadata to be associated with the source content, the source metadata thus generated being used by the processing unit when applying the template to the source content by comparing the source metadata with the template metadata.

7. (Original) A system as claimed in Claim 6, wherein the metadata processing element is responsive to user input to enable user interaction during the generation of the source metadata.

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8. (Currently Amended) A <u>storage means for storing a</u> template for use in an editing

system ~~as claimed in Claim 1~~, the template defining a desired style for content, template

metadata being provided within the template to define the desired style<u>, the template metadata</u>

<u>including at least one good shot marker,</u>

<u>wherein the template comprises a plurality of discrete sections which are linked to define</u>

<u>the desired style, each discrete section having template metadata associated therewith.</u>

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method of operating an editing system to edit source content

to produce an edited content sequence, comprising the steps of:

(a) receiving the source content to be edited, source metadata being associated with

portions of the source content<u>, the source metadata including at least one good shot marker</u>;

(b) providing a template defining a desired style for content, template metadata being

provided within the template to define the desired style<u>, the template metadata including at least</u>

<u>one good shot marker</u>;

(c) applying the template to the source content by comparing the source metadata with

the template metadata<u>, the good shot marker in the template metadata being compared with the</u>

<u>good shot marker in the source metadata to select a preferred shot</u>; and

(d) arranging the portions of source content in accordance with the comparison at the step

(c) to produce the edited content sequence.

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11. (Currently Amended) A computer program for operating an editing system to edit source content to produce an edited content sequence, source metadata being associated with portions of the source content, the source metadata including at least one good shot marker, the computer program being configured in operation to cause the editing system to perform the steps of:

(a) retrieving from a storage a template defining a desired style for content, template metadata being provided within the template to define the desired style, the template metadata including at least one good shot marker;

(b) applying the template to the source content by comparing the source metadata with the template metadata, the good shot marker in the template metadata being compared with the good shot marker in the source metadata to select a preferred shot; and

(c) arranging the portions of source content in accordance with the comparison at the step (b) to produce the edited content sequence.

12. (New) A system as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the processing unit is operable to select a template for use in the production of the edited content sequence from a plurality of templates stored in the storage, the selection of the template being dependent upon the source metadata.

13. (New) A system as claimed in Claim 3, wherein the processing unit is operable to allow a user to select which one of a plurality of portions of the source content to use in the edited content sequence if a plurality of portions of the source content are selected by the processing unit for a discrete section of the template based upon a comparison of the template

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metadata associated with the discrete section of the template and the source metadata associated

with each of the plurality of portions of the source content.